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SASQUATCH REPORTED SEEN IN ALBERTA

The following report is by JOHN GREEN, dated September 7, 1969 :

"On Saturday, August 24, about 9:30 A.M., five men working on a pumping installation beside the North Saskatchewan River, about 20 miles west of Nordegg, Alberta, saw a dark, human shaped figure on the top of a bank about 300 feet above and half to 3/4 of a mile from them. It walked about a quarter mile along the top of the bank and disappeared in some trees. Before it walked off it had apparently been watching heavy equipment moving dirt at a dam construction site beyond where the men were. The men who saw it first may have watched it as much as an hour off and on. Later some men went up where it had been while others watched from below. To their astonishment they found the men came less than half as high compared to small trees in the background as the figure had.

"The men were Harley and Stan Peterson, Condor, Alberta; Guy L. Heureuse, Rocky Mountain House; Floyd Engen, Eckville, Alberta and Dale Boddy, Ponoka, Alberta.

"The site was within ten miles of where two Sasquatch prints 16" and 13" (but distorted and not definitely from different individuals) had been photographed last September. Enquiry indicated that Indians living in the valley had seen Sasquatches at least four and probably more times in the past year. Four women are supposed to have seen a group of four.

"It is a very promising area, as it is open enough to follow animals with a helicopter, and there is to be a 20-mile stretch of the valley bottom cleared and burned back of the dam, so that anything crossing the valley for 20 miles will probably have to leave tracks in the ashes."

The following is reprinted from John Green's THE ADVANCE, Agassiz, B.C., of September 11, 1969 :

Sasquatch Fever Felt In Alberta

John Green returned Tuesday after spending a week into Alberta following a report by five construction workers that they had seen an enormous human-like figure walking on top of a high bank beside the North Saskatchewan River.

The men were working at the site of a storage dam about 100 miles west of Red Deer. They said that they saw the figure from more than half a mile away but it stood out clearly against the skyline.

As it walked along the edge of the bank they compared its height with trees in the background. Later several men went to the same place while the others watched from below. They said the humans appeared less than half the height of what they had seen before.

It was dark in colour, but too far away to see if it was hair covered. Apparently watching heavy equipment working on the damsite, it stayed in view for the best part of an hour.

The report brought out information that members of a group of Indians living in tent camps higher up the valley had told of seeing Sasquatches several times

in the past year. Sixteen inch footprints were found last September and photographed.

Mr. Green found that the report had aroused considerable interest in Red Deer and Edmonton, but less so in Calgary. One group in Edmonton had already assembled a helicopter, two tracking dogs, communications equipment and bush vehicles with the intention of putting a 10-man search team into the area.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

BOOK : THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMEN by Eric Norman, Award Books, 1969, 75¢. The Bigfoot Bulletin is mentioned and quoted from on page 79.

SCIENCE DIGEST magazine, September 1969, contains two articles of interest, "The Secrets of China's Ancient Men" by Daniel Cohen and "The Hairy People: Hypertrichosis Portrayed In Art" by James R. Raven and Gerald P. Hodge. (Credit : Richard L. Tierney)

MALE magazine, October 1969, "UFOs And Abominable Snowmen - What Is Their Strange Connection ?" by John A. Keel. (Credit : Loren Coleman, Lucius Farish, John Fuhrmann, Russell Gebhart and others.)

Le nouveau PLANETE, Juin 1969, No. 8, a magazine in French published in France. "Qui a tire sur Adam ?" par Jean-Claude Guilbert. Concerns the Ice Man. "Le Bigfoot Bulletin" is mentioned on page 77. (Received through the kindness of Dr. Bernard Heuvelmans)

THE SKAMANIA COUNTY PIONEER, a newspaper, of Stevenson, Washington 98648, offers a Special "Bigfoot" Edition for \$1.00. They had an ad in the August ARGOSY magazine. This is a condensed edition of three former editions that were put out at the time of the Beacon Rock sighting. See BB 4, page 1. (Credit : Kent Hylton, John Fuhrmann)

FOOTPRINTS IN SOUTHERN OREGON

According to an article by Maude Ziegler in the Medford Mail Tribune, September 8, 1969, Perry (Slim) Lovell, an elderly prospector who lives in a cabin near Copper on the Applegate River near the California line, found 18-inch tracks near his garden and on nearby sandy bottom land. These were found on August 30. Jim Devault, a neighbor, and two women who visited the scene also saw them. There were distinct toe marks in the flat-footed tracks and the stride was six feet. (Credit : Carroll D. Watson, Andrew Genzoli, John Fuhrmann, Mrs. Marlin Fauerbach).

TRACKS SEEN IN TRINITY COUNTY AGAIN

On August 21, 1969, Alfred King, an employee of the Forest Service stationed at the White Rock Guard Station in the Trinity National Forest, Trinity County, California, found two fifteen-inch human-like footprints in dry sand along the East Fork of the South Fork of the Trinity River. This is to the east of the West Low Gap and Fern Glade areas. The prints were of naked feet and separated by about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Definite toe marks were seen but the big toe was positioned as a human's would be. (See BB 6, page 3). However, no boot prints were seen and few humans have fifteen-inch feet. Tracks were deeper than a human would make on the same sand. They were not very fresh. (Information from correspondence with Mr. King)

LOREN E. COLEMAN, 202 East College, Carbondale, Illinois 62901, would appreciate correspondents with data or an interest in ABSMs (Bigfoot-types and "Little Red Men") reported from the Mississippi waterweb, the eastern United States and lower eastern Canada.

REPORTS FROM BUTTE AND PLUMAS COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA

By Jim McClarin

I spent July 27-28 in company of Mr. C.A. Eagan investigating the reports of Lester Olinger of Twain, California, and Charles R. Jackson of Oroville. (In August of 1968 I interviewed two persons and obtained reports of 5 others claiming to have seen Bigfoot-type creatures in the same vicinity as the reported Jackson sighting, as well as one report of a footprint being found there).

The news account of Lester Olinger's report had quoted only his mother and I wished to get a first hand report. Lester told us he was not sure what he had seen but it was big and dark, apparently hair-covered and alive, and filled most of the lane in which he was driving. He said it could have been a bear or a crouching or stooping Bigfoot. No anatomical details were noticed. He did mention some previous suspected Bigfoot incidents in that area.

The following new and "different" details emerged on the Jackson case : In report 69-19430 by Butte County Deputy Sheriff Charles Hoke on July 14, 1969, it was stated that reportedly the creature was seen standing by an outhouse, and swung its arms as it ran, that Jackson said he was burning rabbit entrails, and said his dogs (he has 5) were "very excited" at the time of the sighting and the night before when a strange scream was heard. On investigating at Jackson's I estimated the distance between his and the creature's alleged positions to be about 15 or 16 feet before their mutual diverging. I collected 8 or 9 short, brown hairs snagged on the outhouse door about 2 to 2½ feet off the ground, and a number of apparent rabbit hairs elsewhere on the structure (Jackson raises rabbits). No conclusive tracks were found, although I learned that Dennis Jensen of Northwest Research Association of Yakima, Washington, had found and cast a print in the vicinity, as well as collecting suspected Sasquatch hairs.

While in the Oroville area I talked with three others who said they thought they had seen a Bigfoot, collected reports of four more individuals and one group of several who were variously declared or suspected to have reported sighting possible "Bigfoot" candidates in the same area, spoke with an elderly couple who said they and their three dogs and several horses had been disturbed by a strange, loud, woman-like scream and various other goings-on, and I heard various other testimonies and allegations concerning footprints, droppings, more frightened dogs and people, and strange noises. One person said he and a friend were using a rabbit distress call at night prior to seeing an apparent Bigfoot advance upon them through the brush, retreat, and return from a different direction despite the spotlight and flashlight held on it.

On August 16 Eagan and I returned to visit the above-mentioned elderly couple who informed us 1) about 12 screams were heard over a period of about 20 minutes around 10:30 P.M., August 11, at which time the dogs were duly fearful and 5 unidentified cars were stopped by the roadside, their occupants presumably listening, 2) Their small but heavily laden apple tree, close to the house, had been stripped by something (or things) with which the German shepherds apparently did not care to tangle. An estimated 4 to 5 bushels were taken. (I collected various types of hairs from this tree). 3) Heavy "footfall" noises had been heard on the

apparent night of the robbery, which was not detected for several days. 4) Dennis Jensen had come again, reported finding good prints near Lake Oroville, and left prior to the tree stripping, 5) Dr. Stephen Pauley and companions had come to investigate after the thievery, inspecting the vague "tracks" and, I believe, collecting some hairs from the tree. 6) A musky "non-skunk !" odor was detected near the vacant cabin across the road (where I found an apparent skunk habitation, droppings, hairs and odor), 7) speculation was running high as to just what "powerful individual" had shifted an 800-pound concrete grave slab and dug beneath it (vide Oroville Mercury-Register, August 12, 1969, "Ghouls Pry Loose Bricks In Attempt To Rob Oregon Gulch Cemetery Crypt" by Jack Stout, Page 1)

In all, I have recorded 12 persons and one "group" as accounting for 11 possible Bigfoot sightings in Butte County, and either 5 or 6 reports of definite footprints being found in the same area. I expect to prepare a detailed confidential report on the area, including names, for potential investigators."

C.A. EAGAN, in a letter dated September 22, 1969, adds to the above : "Jim (McClarin) has gone over these hills and up and down the ravines both by himself and then with Rene (Dahinden) and Roger St. Hilaire when they arrived. They got down Coal Canyon to the caves - but not a sign of stools, footprints, or of eating or sleeping places. In fact, the only thing at all is the whistle-like scream we (Rene and I) heard last night from the tree-brush area up the ridge in back of the cabin - which, of course, proves nothing. It is this undulating whistle-scream which scares people - yep, I went from hot-blooded to cold-blooded in about 1 second. It lasted only 5 or 6 seconds and ended with 3 funny blast-effect noises - very peculiar."

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kent E. Hylton, 6855 S.E. Lexington, Portland, Oregon 97206, has obtained a copy, in French, of Dr. Bernard Heuvelmans' scientific paper on the Ice Man published by the Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences. Will those who feel they could assist or give suggestions in getting the article translated, please contact Kent ? Translation would be tedious and difficult at best.

Your editor, George F. Haas, would like to hear from anyone with experience in using predator calls or with ideas on same. Bigfoot might be attracted by the screaming rabbit type. Any suggestions ?

